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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **UNDERSECRETARIES
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BUREAU AND SERVICE DIRECTORS
HEAD OF ATTACHED AGENCIES**

FROM : **OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

SUBJECT : **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 661**

DATE : 01 October 2007

Disseminated herewith Executive Order No. 661, signed by Her Excellency, President Gloria M. Arroyo on 10 September 2007, directing all the Local Government Units in areas near or adjacent to Geothermal-Producing Sites in Albay, Laguna, Leyte, Negros Oriental, Sorsogon and Albay, North Cotabato, and Negros Occidental to develop Economic Zones.

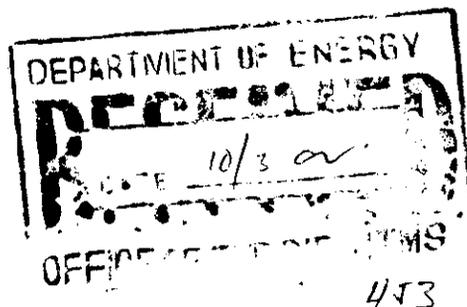
For your information and guidance.

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY:

ANNETTE M. RAFAEL
Head Executive Assistant

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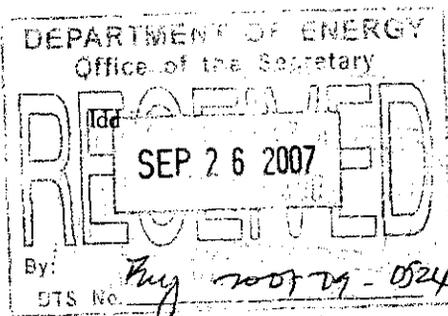
HON. ANGELO T. REYES
Secretary
Department of Energy
Makati City

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit for your information and guidance, a certified copy of Executive Order No. 661 dated September 10, 2007 entitled "**DIRECTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN AREAS NEAR OR ADJACENT TO GEOTHERMAL-PRODUCING SITES IN ALBAY, LAGUNA, LEYTE, NEGROS ORIENTAL, SORSOGON AND ALBAY, NORTH COTABATO, AND NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO DEVELOP ECONOMIC ZONES**".

Very truly yours,


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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 661

DIRECTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN AREAS NEAR OR ADJACENT TO GEOTHERMAL-PRODUCING SITES IN ALBAY, LAGUNA, LEYTE, NEGROS ORIENTAL, SORSOGON AND ALBAY, NORTH COTABATO, AND NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO DEVELOP ECONOMIC ZONES

WHEREAS, the Philippines has one of the highest industrial power rates in Southeast Asia;

WHEREAS, majority of the biggest power consumers are industrial locators in economic zones;

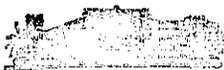
WHEREAS, there is a compelling need for a more reliable, economical, competitive, and efficient power supply to provide quality electricity to power-sensitive industrial locators in the economic zones and to encourage future locators;

WHEREAS, the government is adopting measures that would give open access to private and publicly-owned economic zones in sourcing their power with the end in view of lowering the power cost in the economic zones and to promote competitiveness;

WHEREAS, the government has identified, as potential sources of power for economic zones, seven (7) geothermal facilities, namely: (1) Tiwi in Albay; (2) MakBan, which borders Makiling and Banahaw in Laguna; (3) Tongonan, which borders Ormoc and Kananga in Leyte; (4) Palinpinon in Valencia, Negros Oriental; (5) BacMan, which borders Bacon and Manito in Sorsogon and Albay, respectively; (6) Mt. Apo in the border of Kidapawan, North Cotabato; and (7) Murcia in Negros Occidental;

WHEREAS, declaring certain areas adjacent to these geothermal-producing sites as economic zones will provide alternative locations for investors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:



Section 1. The respective local government units (LGUs) in areas near or adjacent to the following geothermal-producing sites shall develop economic zones in coordination with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA):

- (1) Tiwi in Albay;
- (2) MakBan, which borders Makiling and Banahaw in Laguna;
- (3) Tongonan, which borders Ormoc and Kananga in Leyte;
- (4) Palinpinon in Valencia, Negros Oriental;
- (5) BacMan, which borders Bacon and Manito in Sorsogon and Albay, respectively;
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Section 2. The PEZA shall assist the LGUs concerned in the creation and development of the economic zones.

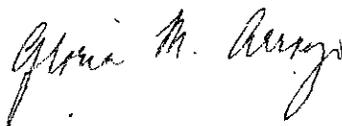
Section 3. All executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 4. Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that maybe declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying its other portions or provisions, as long as such remaining portions can still be given effect.

Section 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 10th day of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

By the President:



EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary



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